

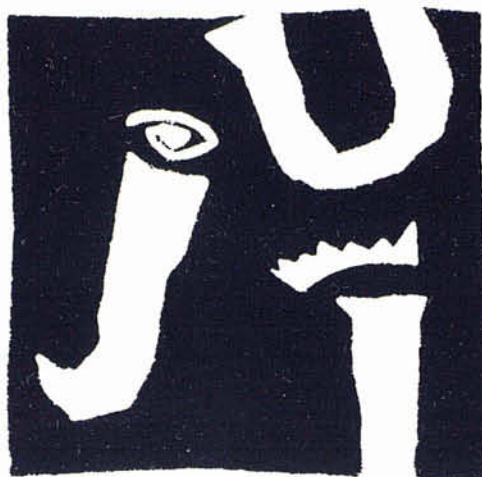
THE JAUME I UNIVERSITY



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The Jaume I University at Castelló is a very recent creation (Law of the Generalitat Valenciana of 27 February 1991). Nevertheless, it is a continuation of the previous Col·legi Universitari de Castelló (CUC), from which it has inherited part of the teaching staff and all the installations, two of the three campuses over which the university is currently distributed –the Herrero and the Borriol–, as well as the Penyeta Roja which was added at the moment of its foundation. All three are at present considered provisional, and an ambitious project is planned for a university city occupying an extensive site close to the present campus on the Carretera de Borriol, with an estimated capacity for between 12,000 and 14,000 students, the forecast for the year 2000. Apart from the staff from the old CUC, the University has started appointing new teachers, including some whose first appointment this is (and who are therefore young) and some from other universities, who bring their considerable experience to the institution. Amongst the latter is the Castelló teacher Francesc Mitjavila, former director of the College of Mining at the Polytechnic University of Madrid and now Rector of the Jaume I University. This post, like all the others, is at present provisional, until the University has drawn up its statutes and is run by a governing body appointed by the Generalitat Valenciana, which is responsible for setting in motion the process of drafting statutes and consolidating the situation.

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tute of Ceramic Technology and the future Institute of the Environment.

The environmental research addresses questions of soil salinization and acid rain, which are especially worrying in the regions of La Plana and Els Ports. The planned degree course in Translating and Interpreting is also of obvious relevance in the fields of tourism and exports. To carry out the research work it has set itself, the Jaume I University already has agreements with a number of institutions: with the Higher Council for Scientific Investigation, with the Spanish Institute of Mining Technology and with the financial institution Bancaixa. The agreement with Bancaixa is of particular importance financially since it fixes a contribution of 100 million pesetas a year to the research programmes at the Jaume I University.

As regards the University's structure, it is made up of two Faculties, that of Human and Social Sciences and that of Juridical and Economic Sciences, and a College of Technology and Experimental Sciences.

The Faculty of Human and Social Sciences offers degree courses in English Philology, the Humanities and Psychology. The degree in Advertising and Public Relations is awaiting homologation and authorization. There are also Teacher Training Courses in a range of specialities.

At the faculty of Juridical and Economic Sciences are the degree courses in Business Management and Administration and in Law. Diploma courses are currently available in Business Studies and Industrial Relations, and in the near future will be extended to include Management and Public Administration. The College of Technology and Experimental Sciences offers a degree in Chemical Sciences and in Engineering and Computer Studies. The Industrial Engineering and Chemistry are awaiting homologation and authorization. In the field of technical engineering there are the courses in Computers in Management and Industrial Design; Mechanics is still awaiting homologation and authorization.

As regards the students following the different courses, the highest number are enrolled in Law (some 1,200 students), followed by Business Studies (about 800) and Computer Engineering (more than 600). The fields of Industrial Relations, Psychology and Chemistry exceed the 300-student mark, while the rest have less.

All the students on the different courses –and this is a characteristic of the Jaume I University– study a series of compulsory subjects: English and one other European language (either French, German or Italian), user-level computer science (introduction and adaptation to the speciality) and a third chosen from History of European Thought, History of the European Juridical Institutions and History of the European Economic Institutions.

A final point to be made is that all the Jaume I University's qualifications take into account the newly reformed plans by the Universities Council, on the basis of semestral credits, following the Anglo-Saxon model.